

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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PROBLEMS OF RICE EXPORTERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rice exporters have been facing the legal problem on obtaining patent in foreign countries because the standards of Basmati rice have not been notified;
- (b) if so, the countries where the Indian rice exporters have been facing such problems and the main reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any Committee was set up by the Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, whether the Government have received the recommendations from this Committee;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other steps being taken by the Government to solve the problems of the rice exporters?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) to (e): Do not arise.

(f) : Some of the steps taken to enhance exports of rice include conducting publicity campaigns, sending delegations abroad, participating in International trade fairs, inviting potential buyers and providing financial assistance to exporters for improving quality, packaging brand promotion of products and for conducting market surveys.